

# *On the Trail with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Spring 2007*

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### ***Administrator's Corner By Gary Eddy***



### ***ATV & Snowmobile Adm.***

Hello everyone. I hope everyone had an enjoyable winter season. Some parts of the state didn't experience much snowfall, but I think every county was able to open their snowmobile trails for a period of time. As you receive this newsletter, ATV trails should be opening or nearly opening. I was able to get out on the trails in Vilas, Dane, Iron, LaFayette and Oconto Counties this past year by either snowmobile or ATV. I stopped and talked to as many people as possible along the trails and got a lot of feedback from them;

especially about safety issues. Our Safety manual publisher, Outdoor Empire has been purchased by Boat Ed. Boat Ed. currently publishes Wisconsin's Boating Safety and Hunter Education manual. Boat Ed provides instructors additional Power Point CDs and videos to use. We are hopeful we can have our new ATV Safety materials by this summer and our new Snowmobile Safety materials by September. Boat Ed. is also working on an Internet based safety course for ATVs and snowmobiles. This will benefit, not only our out of state students but our adult students that we are seeing more and more of due to the new mandatory education requirements. As always, the Recreational Safety Section greatly appreciates all your dedication and hard work which pay great dividends for everyone.

### **DNR Personnel News**

We are nearing the final stages of the hiring process to fill the Recreational Safety Warden (RSW) positions in Green Bay and Madison. The workload from these two areas has been

taken up by the remaining RSWs. A big pat on the back is due to all the RSWs that have added more to their already full plate. A new Program Assistant for the Recreational Safety Programs out of the Green Bay office has been hired; **Brenda Nordin** has been a welcomed addition to the section and a tremendous asset to the Green Bay area, especially in the wake of the RSW vacancies.

### **ATV Program**

The 2006 ATV season ended up being one of the safer seasons in Wisconsin with only 9 fatalities down from our previous record year of 22. No one factor explains this reduction other than a dedicated corps of instructors and a slight decline in the number of citations issued for illegal roadway operation where most of our fatalities occur.

There is pending Assembly bill that would allow ATV access to all trails and routes. AB 59 would allow local municipalities to enact ordinances allowing ATV operation from lodging or residences to the nearest ATV trail or ATV route. This provision would allow ATV operation on all roads, including State Highways unless the Department of Transportation passes rules indicating that the highway is unsafe for ATV travel.

This bill has been repeatedly proposed for the last several years and has repeatedly failed to pass the legislature. The DNR will again be testifying against this bill for the obvious reason that increasing roadway use of ATVs will result in increasing conflicts between motor vehicles and ATV and will likely increase the fatality rate. On the same note, a West Virginia legislator is trying to enact a law that will ban ATVs from all paved roads after suffering 53 ATV fatalities in 2006, none of which occurred on their trail system.

### **Snowmobile Program**

Currently, we are sitting at 26 snowmobile fatalities down from 36 last season. Trail conditions in the northern part of the state were less than ideal and also opened later than usual, however riding opportunities were more widespread across the state.

This season, officers were enforcing the 55 mph nighttime speed limit. Reports are still coming in from the field on their amount of enforcement activity specific to the speed limit. Initial reports show that there appears to be good voluntary compliance with the speed limit and a decrease in the number of injury accidents occurring at night. As you may remember, the nighttime speed limit was temporary for this season only. The department would like to secure the nighttime speed limit as permanent and is working towards that goal. Please assist the department by supporting the nighttime speed limit locally and/or with your club. This winter, the RSWs assisted the Wisconsin State Patrol (WSP) with a nighttime stopping study. The WSP duplicated the study performed by the Minnesota State Patrol and Minnesota DNR in the late 1990's. Since that time, snowmobile technology has changed a lot and it will be interesting to see the updated results of the study. When the report is complete, the department will complete a study guide for instructors to use.

The Snowmobile Accident Reduction team wasn't in operation this season due to a failed request for additional funds from the legislature. Three deployments of 2-5 wardens were sent to different locations in Vilas and Iron counties this winter to assist with high use areas and special snowmobile events. Public comments again were overwhelmingly positive about the extra presence on the trails. The department will

need to explore their options for this important program next winter.

## **Hand Signals**

There are examples of hand signals in our Snowmobile and ATV Safety Education manuals. Other hand signals are also being utilized by riders on the trails. Groups of riders may be indicating the number of riders in their groups. For example, the lead rider holds up their fingers indicating the total number in their group and then each following rider counts down until the last rider holds up a fist indicating that they are the last rider in the group. There are several safety concerns while using these hand signals:

1. Are these hand signals necessary, riders should always expect to see other riders on a trail?
2. Riders are indicating they are last in a group when, unknown to them, another group is immediately behind them.
3. Riders are using these hand signals at inappropriate times such as corners, hills, at high speeds and at night when it's more important to maintain control of their steering, braking and the high beam switch.
4. Are these hand signals needed for small groups of two or three when the entire group can easily be seen?

If these hand signals are used it may suffice for only the first and last riders in line to use them. Everyone else can then maintain two hands on their steering and controls. The safest and easiest method is for each leader to simply give everyone in their own groups the signal to "stay right". That way everyone moves to the right side of the trail, slows their speed and maintains two hands on their

steering at all time while the oncoming riders pass.

## **Following Distances and Dust Conditions**

Each year incidents occur, sometimes fatal incidents, due to riders following too closely behind the rider in front of them. Dust kicked up by an ATV or snow dust kicked up from a snowmobile can obscure the taillight, brake light or even the entire machine and rider in front of you. Riders may have a tendency to follow too closely when unfamiliar with an area or when simply going too fast. When riding in groups the lead rider needs to take responsibility for everyone in the group. The leader should only ride as fast as the least experienced person in the group. The last rider in the group should be an experienced rider who is also familiar with the area. The leader needs to account for the rest of the group at intersections and crossings. Riders should maintain enough distance to allow for the dust to settle from the machine in front of them and regain a visual on the taillight and/or machine in front of them. Riders should also maintain a safe following distance to allow time to come to a complete stop in the event the lead rider brakes in an emergency.

Thank you for all your hard work over the past year. Wisconsin is very lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic instructor core as we have. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your local Conservation Warden, Recreational Safety Warden or me. Thanks again, Gary

## *From Julie's Desk*



### ***ATV, Boat, & Snowmobile Operations Program Associate***

Do you live and/or teach in **Calumet, Dodge, Marinette, Menominee, Shawano or Waupaca Counties**? This is to notify you of a change in your Recreational Safety Warden.

If you are in Dodge County you will now contact the South Central Recreational Safety Warden located in Fitchburg at 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd., Fitchburg 53711. At this time that position is vacant, but we are in the hiring process. The phone number for that Recreational Safety Warden will be (608) 275-3253.

If you are in Calumet or Waupaca County you will now contact the Northeast-South Recreational Safety Warden, April Dombrowski. April can be reached at (920) 303-5443; East Co Rd Y STE: 700; Oshkosh 54901-9731.

If you are in Shawano, Menominee, or Marinette County you will now contact the Northeast-North Recreational Safety Warden located in Green Bay at 2984 Shawano Ave, PO Box 10448, 54307. At this time that position is vacant, but we are in the hiring process. The phone number for that Recreational Safety Warden will be (920) 662-5129.

## **Updated Recreational Safety Inst. Manual**

We are in the process of updating the Recreational Safety Instructor Manual, PUBL-LE-101, and hope to have it to print by the time you get this newsletter. Once the manuals are printed we will mail 1 copy to each active instructor.

### **Recreational Safety Programs New Program Assistant in Northeast Region, Green Bay**

Hello, my name is Brenda Nordin and I am the new Program Assistant for the Recreational Safety Programs here in the Northeast Region. Originally, I am from East Dubuque, IL along the Mississippi River, where I spent much time fishing and hunting. I moved to the Shawano area four years ago, where I worked with the Menominee Indian tribe as a Fish and Wildlife Technician, this further broadened my experience with natural resources.

My responsibilities as the Program Assistant in the Recreational Safety Programs are to provide support to and assist the RSW's at the Northeast Region Headquarters (currently vacant) and at the Oshkosh office (April Dombrowski). In particular, I coordinate the distribution of teaching aids to instructors, answer routine inquiries regarding the safety programs, and locate information.

I look forward to working with you and am excited to assist you any way I can. I have heard many great things about the volunteer instructors in this part of the state and am excited to get to know everyone. Please don't hesitate to call me at (920) 662-5435 or by email at [Brenda.Nordin@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Brenda.Nordin@Wisconsin.gov) if I can be of any assistance to you.

## ***Recreational Safety Warden***



***Chris Wunrow – Spooner***

### **CANCELLED/POSTPONED CLASSES AND LATE ROSTERS**

Hello to all ATV and snowmobile safety instructors who are reading this article. I am the Recreational Safety Warden stationed in Spooner. I want to give you some reminders that will ensure your safety class is covered by our insurance and the students receive their student certificates in a timely manner.

This past winter we received a blast of arctic air and some big dumps of snow that closed schools in many parts of the state. This was also the time when some instructors had snowmobile safety classes either starting or classes were scheduled to meet. Several instructors use public schools as a meeting place. It is the policy of most schools that if school is cancelled due to weather, all after school functions are cancelled as well. This caused some snowmobile safety classes to be canceled too.

How do we handle this? First, if you are going to delay the start of the class, but still hold it for some of the dates listed on your start card, you need to notify the Department of the new dates. If you are holding a class and the starting or ending dates do not match the start card you submitted, those classes held outside of the dates listed on the start card will not be covered by the

Department's insurance. This applies to both ATV and snowmobile safety classes.

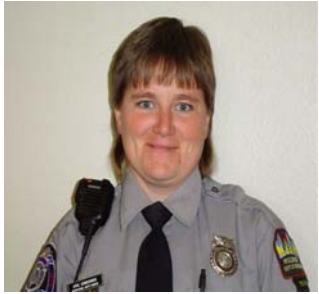
If you are going to cancel the class altogether, you will need to notify the Department of this as well. You can simply write "Class Canceled" on the roster sent to you with the student materials and put it in the postage paid WI DNR addressed envelope that is sent with the student materials as well. If you do not notify us, the roster that was sent to you will stay in the system until it becomes "late". This will generate a letter from our Madison staff reminding you to send in your roster. If you choose to hold the class at a later date, you will need to submit a new start card. If you have sufficient student materials from the cancelled class, write in "0" for the number of student packets needed. Again, this applies to both ATV and snowmobile safety classes.

Remember that snow is not needed to complete a snowmobile safety class, as driving is not required to receive a certificate. Once the student passes the written test, you must issue them their temporary certificate. If you hold a class and do not have sufficient snow for hands on training, please do not hold off on giving the student their temporary certificate until you receive snow for hands on training. Depending on what part of the state you live in, you and the students maybe waiting a long time! Remember to submit the course paper work to Madison within two weeks of completion of your course so the students can receive their permanent certificate.

If you need help with canceling a class or switching the start and/or end dates, you can contact your Recreational Safety Warden for assistance. If you would like to call me, I can be reach at 715 – 635 – 4112 or e-mail me at [Christopher.wunrow@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Christopher.wunrow@dnr.state.wi.us)



## *Recreational Safety Warden*



*April Dombrowski - Oshkosh*

### TRANSPORTING AN ATV

As the spring season is rapidly approaching so is the ATV season. There will be a number of ATV safety classes taking place this spring and into the early summer months. With that in mind, I would like to take a few moments to review with you proper ATV trailering techniques and safety tips to keep in mind.

Before loading an ATV to a trailer for a trip it's important to inspect the trailer. Inspect the wheel bearings for grease and smooth rotation. Check the trailer tires for recommended tire pressure and overall condition and wear. Make sure all lights are operating including brake lights. Check for proper ball hitch and make sure hitch coupler is secured and locked. Check the condition of the safety chains and hooks. Look over the condition of the ATV loading ramps or trailer tilt bed and safety straps.

When loading the ATV onto the trailer, keep in mind the load balance and weight distribution on a trailer. This is critical to the handling characteristics of the trailer when being towed. Remember, too much weight at the rear can cause the trailer to sway. On the other end, too much weight toward the front of the trailer can overload the tow vehicle and cause poor handling. Side to side loading balance is also important for proper handling

of the trailer. Always refer to the trailer manufacture's instructions for specific information regarding the trailer.

As ATV instructors we should always demonstrate safe ATV loading and unloading procedures. Always take the time and use ramp safety straps to secure ramps to the trailer or tailgate of a truck. When possible, manually walking the ATV off the trailer and pushing the ATV back on the trailer is a safe method, but it depends on the pitch or height of the trailer. **ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET WHEN LOADING/UNLOADING AN ATV FROM THE BED OF A TRUCK OR TRAILER!!!**

Once the ATV is loaded in the bed of the truck or trailer secure the ATV to the bed or trailer by using designated tie down straps. Again, check the quality of these straps for wear and defect. These straps will weather over time. Tie down the ATV front and back utilizing hard/metal surfaces as much as possible (vs. plastic).

After the ATV is loaded onto the trailer it's important to prepare it for transportation. Turn the fuel valve to "OFF" and run the engine until it stalls. Set the parking brake. Place ATV in low gear or "PARK" position. This will depend on the make and model of the ATV. Upon completion of these simple tasks, remove the ignition key.

When traveling to and from your ATV riding destination, periodically inspect the ATV and trailer. Items to check for are: overheated tires, wheel bearings, loosened tie down straps, burned out/bad connection trailer lights, missing coupler safety pin and secured safety chains.

## ***Recreational Safety Warden***



***John Plenke - Waukesha***

### **STANDARDIZED LESSON PLANS ON THE HORIZON**

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, Recreational Safety Wardens, Snow and ATV Administrator Gary Eddy and Bureau Safety Program staff gathered in Madison along with Tim Rohrer, Bill Luy, and Mike Wiedmeyer, all ATV Instructors from Washington County Kettle Moraine ATV Safety Association.

Tim, Bill and Mike were invited and agreed to drive to Madison with the equipment necessary to conduct a training exercise in the use of the lesson plans they had developed for the teaching of each chapter of the book. What this group took it upon themselves to do was a direct spin-off of the lesson plan format introduced to those instructors who attended the statewide ATV instructor conference in April of 2005. The group felt some instructors have started teaching ATV safety without really knowing how to do so.

During the 2005 conference, the EDOC method of instructing; that is getting the students involved with the “hands-on” aspect of the class, was demonstrated. During our February meeting, the Safety Wardens were the “students” as the instructors put them through the paces of each chapter. This was

done utilizing minimal lecture time and getting us up and out of our seats. We had been provided the lesson plans prior to the meeting in order to review their content and objectives.

After going through this training, it is our intention to introduce these lesson plans to all instructors who attend the refresher training workshops in their respective regions this year. Being on the “same page” as instructors, statewide, is important to the credibility of the program as well as to the students who attend courses in Wisconsin.

These instructors put considerable time in developing these lesson plans as well as meeting with local RSW’s and others to get their viewpoints. Their design is such that it makes it easier for the instructor to stay on track with the material that must be covered, and gets the students involved from the very first night of class. I think you will enjoy them. Stay tuned for more at the workshops.

Remember, you have the option of attending any workshop offered by RSW’s around the state if you can’t make the one in your region.

Workshops in the Southeast Region this year will be: May 7<sup>th</sup> @ the Hartford Town Hall and May 8<sup>th</sup> at the DNR Service Center in Sturtevant. Both will start at 7pm.



## ***Recreational Safety Warden***



***John Bronikowski - Sturtevant***

### **Volunteer Instructor Corner**

The Volunteer Instructor Corner webpage has been around since 2003 and yet I still find instructors who have no idea that it is available. At a recent meeting, a safety instructor said he had hoped we would be giving out a CD with all the forms on it like we had years ago. Apparently he didn't know that all of those forms have been available 24 hours a day, every day for the past 4 years!

All the forms that Safety Instructors use are indeed available by clicking on the forms link located on the upper left hand side of the Instructor Corner webpage. Forms available include:

- Class Roster
- Supplemental Roster
- Instructor Certification Application
- Apprentice Instructor Record
- Start Card
- Junior Instructor Application
- Permission to Hunt card

All of these, with the exception of the Permission to Hunt card, are available as both PDF documents and Word Documents. The Permission to Hunt card is only available as a PDF. PDF documents use the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software but can only be printed out to be filled in by hand. To use

the Word Documents, you will need to have a version of the word processor Microsoft Word, version 95 or newer on your computer. The Word Documents can then be filled out using your computer and then printed out on your printer to be mailed in to Madison. The Start Card can be filled out on your computer and then emailed to the LESAFETY address shown on the forms page.

On the Volunteer Instructor main webpage, below the forms link, you will also find links to the most current version of the Safety Ed. Instructor Procedures Manual, the Hunter Ed Manual, the RSW map, which shows the counties of responsibility for each RSW and has their phone number and email address, along with Newsletters, Incident Reports and Program Reports.

The address of the website recently changed to the new 'wi.gov' format from the old 'state.wi.us' format. The 'new' address for the Volunteer Instructor Corner is [www.dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/instructor.html](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/instructor.html).

Hopefully most of you visit the website on a regular basis. At the very minimum, I would suggest going to the Upcoming Safety Classes webpage at the following web address, [www.dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/safety/upcoming.htm](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/safety/upcoming.htm), to make sure your course is listed correctly. There is also a link to the upcoming safety classes' webpage from the Instructor Corner main webpage.





## ***Recreational Safety Warden***



***Bill Yearman***

### **Registering Your ATV or Snowmobile Class On-Line or by Submitting a Safety Course Registration Card**

Greetings from Western Wisconsin. I would like to walk you through the process of registering your class on-line (over the internet) or by mail. While this may be “old hat” to many of you, I have had several questions on this topic in the last year.

#### **Registering by Mail**

To start any of the DNR safety programs a Safety Course Registration Start Card is filled out by the instructor and sent into the Madison office at the address printed on the card. This should be done 6 week prior to the actual start of the class. Fill out the entire card, except for the Course ID No. That will be assigned by our office and will appear on the class roster that is sent to you. After the DNR receives the start card the information is entered into our database as well as on the DNR web site. Make sure you fill out each and every block of the form.

Avoid delays in getting your class posted to the DNR website or delays in receiving supplies by double-checking that addresses for your meeting place and shipping supplies are correct.

Start cards are available from your RSW and online. You also receive a new one with each shipment of student supplies.

#### **Registering by Internet**

Start by going to the Volunteer Instructor Corner website at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/enforcement/instructor.html>. Go to “forms” and click on the

word format of “Safety Course Registration Card”. A start card will come up just like the “hard copy” of the form that you use now.

Type in the information and then save the document by clicking on File (at the top of the page), then click on “Save As”, it will then ask for a location. Choose something like “Desk Top” and under file name, give it a name like “Start Card”. Then click on “Save”. At the bottom of the page of forms you will see a link titled [LESafety@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:LESafety@dnr.state.wi.us). Click on that link and it will generate an email to that address. In the RE: write something like “ATV Class Registration”. You may either drag and drop your saved start card into the message or click on the word “insert” (at the top of the email page), a drop down box appears, click on the word “File”. A box will open and you will need to go to the place that you saved the file, in my case “Desktop”. Then double click on your start card file. The file will then appear in the email as an attachment. You may then send your email and the start card will go to the correct person at the Madison office.

This process sounds a bit more complicated than it actually is. If you have a “computer savvy” person or instructor that can assist you with this internet process, they will find very quick and easy. If you have any questions on this or other procedures contact your local RSW.

## ***Recreational Safety Warden***



***Jeff Dauterman***

### **Websites and Proper Ethical Behavior**

It seems that everyone out there has their own website these days. And, why not? Those websites can be pretty effective getting the word out to others. Our own DNR website is very popular. The Upcoming Safety Courses website is also a very popular website and a lot of instructors are finding that more than ½ their students are locating their courses through the Upcoming Safety Courses website. These websites sure can be a great tool to get the word out to the public for upcoming events.

Many Snowmobile and ATV Clubs have built their own websites to promote their club and events. Some of these club websites are extremely well constructed and promoted. It is very obvious that these clubs take a tremendous amount of pride in what they do and accomplish. As well they should be proud!

One thing we have to always keep in mind is that those who look at these websites are not always snowmobile and/or ATV enthusiasts. Some times people who do not like snowmobiles or ATVs are looking at these club sites. Why do these people do this? It's to find out what snowmobile and ATV people are up to and what the future plans are. They also look for "ammunition" to use against snowmobile and ATV trail

development. Things like club advertisements and/or photos of poker runs, mud runs, derbies, races, even picnics and parades can show snowmobiles and ATV riders in not too positive of a situation. They look for alcohol consumption, property destruction, little children operating on roads or without helmets, or advertisements endorsing these drinking or destruction. Or at least what they can twist to sound or look like irresponsible or destructive behavior by snowmobile and ATV riders.

So, you Snowmobile and ATV Safety Instructors out there who are also members of snowmobile and ATV clubs. Why not do your club a favor and take a look at what is being promoted and shown on your website? Look at the website with the eyes of someone who is not a snowmobile or ATV enthusiast. You might do your club and sport a big favor.

### **Instructors Receive Years of Service Awards**

Below is a list of instructors that received years of service awards in January / February 2007 for 10 to 35 years of service in the ATV or Snowmobile Safety Ed. Programs.

<u>ATV</u>	<u>10-Years of Service</u>
JEFFREY	
BOOTH	Dunn
MARK BUSCH	Buffalo
FRANCIS CARL	Clark
STEVEN	
FISCHER	Oconto
TIM KENNEDY	Price
LEE MINNICK	Washburn
MIKE TIETZ	Dunn
DAVID VOGHT	Polk

ATV 15-Years of Service

WARREN BEHM	Trempealeau
KEVIN WHALEN	Trempealeau

Snowmobile 10-Years of Service

THERESA	BARKOW	Marathon
GARY	CASE	Vilas
GARY	DUNKS	Kewaunee
DENNIS	ELFSTROM	Marinette
THOMAS	ELLER	St. Croix
DIANA	FREDRICKSON	Racine
BRIAN	FROHMADER	Jefferson
MARK	GROBARCHIK	Waukesha
MARK	HARMON	Dunn
GREGG	HEIDEMAN	Jefferson
JANICE	JAFFKE	Milwaukee
CHRISTIAN	JEFFREYS	Barron
TIMOTHY	KENNEDY	Price
TERRY	KIENAST	Dodge
KENNETH	LANGE	Waukesha
TAMARA	LARSON	Polk
BRIAN	MELSNESS	Trempealeau
SHELBY	OSBORN	Clark
GREGORY	OTTO	Price
DANIEL	PRIES	Oconto
HILBERT	RADTKE SR	Marinette
BRADLEY	RISTOW	Barron
JAMES	ROBINSON	Door
JOHN	RUF	Lafayette
LINDA	SALEY	La Crosse
VICKI	SKINNER	Kenosha
EDWARD	SLONIKER	Clark
JAMES	SORGE	Taylor
DIANE	SPELTZ	Buffalo
JEROME	ZIER	Washington

Snowmobile 15-Years of Service

ANN	DEGENHARDT	La Crosse
MARK	DIELS	Sheboygan
JEFFREY	KLOS	Sheboygan
ANN	LEMERE	Brown
JOSEPH	SCHORN	Pierce
DEBORAH	WOLFE	Vernon
STEVEN	WOLFE	Vernon
BONNIE	ZUTZ	Manitowoc

Snowmobile 20-Years of Service

DALE	PROCHNOW	Fond Du Lac
DARYL	RASMUSSEN	Langlade
FRED	SCHAUER	Langlade
ALFRED	SCHRANK	St. Croix
GARY	SCHWARTZ	Richland
JOSEPH	WATRY	Sheboygan

Snowmobile 25-Years of Service

ALBERT	GOEPFERT	Green
JAMES	NUCK	Milwaukee
PETER	RENN	Kenosha
JOHN	SCHOLLER	Sheboygan
DAVID	WILSON	Washington

Snowmobile 30-Years of Service

RUBY	ABEL	Dodge
THOMAS	BRAUER	Door
GEORGE	BROSSARD	Kenosha
KENNETH	HOPFENSBERGER	Wood
LOWELL	LEMMERHIRT	Kenosha

Snowmobile 35-Years of Service

RALPH	CULVER	Milwaukee
MAYWARD	KRUEGER	Lincoln



## 2006 ATV and Snowmobile Safety Program Statistics

### ATV

New Instructors: 204  
Classes Completed: 292

#### Students Certified by Region:

Northern-E – 853  
Northeast-N – 843  
Northeast-S – 540  
Northern – 1,156  
South Central – 1,006  
Southeast-N – 557  
Southeast-S – 548  
West Central – 932

Total ATV Students Certified – 6,435  
To Date Total Students Certified – 58,674

#### To Date Total Active ATV Instructors – 1,208

Northern-E – 296  
Northeast-N – 129  
Northeast-S – 119  
Northern – 181  
South Central – 155  
Southeast-N – 91  
Southeast-S – 66  
West Central – 171

### Snowmobile

New Instructors: 90  
Classes Completed: 272

#### Students Certified by Region:

Northern-E – 1,429  
Northeast-N – 1,414  
Northeast-S – 493  
Northern – 818  
South Central – 516  
Southeast-N – 777  
Southeast-S – 614  
West Central – 1,078  
Snowmobile CD-ROM - 588

Total Snowmobile Students Certified – 7,727  
To Date Total Students Certified – 259,071

#### To Date Total Active Snowmobile

Instructors – 1,134  
Northern-E – 194  
Northeast-N – 207  
Northeast-S – 106  
Northern – 149  
South Central – 116  
Southeast-N – 91  
Southeast-S – 80  
West Central – 191

### **Updated OWI Lesson Plan**

Recently there was an incident at a school where a teacher was using OWI goggles and one of their students in the class was injured. After hearing of this incident we asked DNR Attorney, Mike Lutz if he would review our OWI Lesson Plan and give us his recommendations on if we should continue to use the OWI goggles and if our OWI Lesson Plan was written well enough for you the instructors so we do not have an incident in one of our classes. Here is what DNR Attorney Mike Lutz recommended: "I believe we should add the requirement that the goggles are to only be used in a manner consistent with the guidelines. Place a ten foot long strip of tape on the floor at least 10 feet from any wall, furniture or other obstructions. Maintain adult supervision at all times. Closely monitor the students to catch them in case they become too unbalanced and if a student begins to engage in horseplay, discontinue the activity". With Mike Lutz's recommendations I have added this to the OWI Lesson Plan we are currently using in the following section, OWI Goggle Use, Option 1, an updated copy is included in this newsletter.

## Wisconsin Snowmobile and ATV Education

### LESSON PLAN FOR INSTRUCTING:

The Hazards of Operating a Boat, Snowmobile or ATV under the influence of alcohol or drugs (9-18-00).

Total instruction time: 1 hr –1.5 hrs.

TIME	LESSON OUTLINE	AIDS, ACTIVITIES
0.00	Purpose of the lesson: The purpose of the lesson is to show students the affects alcohol/drugs will have on a person. Then, relate what they have learned to the operation of a boat, snowmobile or ATV.	
0.05	<p>The Law</p> <p>Amount of alcohol/drugs:</p> <p>No person can operate a boat, snowmobile or ATV while under the influence of an intoxicant to a degree, which renders him or her incapable of safe snowmobile/ATV operation. This means that even if you have had only one beer and your are incapable of operating safely, you cannot operate a snowmobile/ATV.</p> <p>And above all, no person is allowed to operate a boat, snowmobile or ATV while the person has an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more.</p> <p>If a person is not yet 19 years old, you cannot operate a snowmobile/ATV if you have <u>any</u> alcohol in your body.</p> <p><u>Causing injury</u></p> <p>You can't injure or cause an injury to a person if you're intoxicated. This goes without saying. Additionally, there are much more severe penalties; fines and jail.</p> <p>Preliminary breath screening test.</p> <p>This means that if your are suspected of driving under the influence, you are required to blow air into a machine, which measures how much alcohol is in your body. Officers have small machines they carry with them to check.</p> <p>Implied consent.</p> <p>If you operate a boat, snowmobile or ATV, you have no choice, you must provide a sample of blood, breath or urine to law enforcement to check for alcohol/drugs if they believe you are intoxicated.</p> <p>Refusal</p> <p>This means that if you refuse to give a sample, you will be charged</p>	



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	<p>with another violation.</p> <p>Unconscious person</p> <p>If you are unconscious from a boat, snowmobile or ATV crash or passed out, an officer will get a sample of your blood from the hospital to check how much alcohol/drug you have in your system.</p> <p>Officer's action after arrest for operating a boat, snowmobile or ATV while under influence of intoxicant.</p> <p>If you are arrested, you will be held in jail for at least 12 hours or you can be turned over to your parents/responsible adult.</p>	
0.03	<p>Penalties:</p> <p>A person who is arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be can be fined up to \$762.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> time, a person will be fined up to \$1000 dollars and up to 6 months in jail.</p> <p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> time, a person will be fined up to \$2000 dollars and up to 1 year in jail.</p> <p>A person who injures another person while they are intoxicated can be fined up to \$2000 dollars and can be jailed for 1 year.</p> <p>A person who refuses to take an alcohol/drug test can be fined up to \$2000 dollars and can spend a year in jail.</p> <p>In addition, a person may be ordered by the court to participate in alcohol/drug counseling and a screening; which means going to a class, random alcohol/drug screening and /or reporting to a person about your progress.</p>	

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0.05	<p>Effects of alcohol/drugs on the body:</p> <p>Alcohol/drugs affect people differently. Many things determine if you will become intoxicated over a period of time. They can be;</p> <p>The number of drinks/drugs you consume, how fast your drink/take them, if you had something to eat and how much you ate, taking prescribed medication.</p> <p>A person will be intoxicated and is a definite danger to themselves and others with the following examples.</p> <p>If you weigh 100 pounds and have 3 beers in an hour, you will be .08.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You will be .08 if you have about 4 beers in 1 hour for a 130-lb. person.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If you drink 5 beers in 3 hours, you will be .08.</p> <p>Once you get to the intoxicated level, it takes a long time to get rid of the alcohol.</p> <p>Other things that are extremely important to know are:</p> <p>Alcohol/drugs make your reflexes slow down.</p> <p>It affects how you see.</p> <p>It affects your balance.</p> <p>It affects your judgment to make good decisions.</p> <p>It can give you a feeling of being warm when you're not.</p>	<p>Review with the students, Alcohol Fact &amp; Myths on page 13 of the manual.</p> <p>Review the blood alcohol chart with the students on page 13 of the manual.</p> <p>Reinforce no alcohol is best.</p>

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0.45 – 1.00	<p>Class participation:</p> <p><u>OWI goggle use: Option 1</u></p> <p>Recreational Safety Wardens have special OWI goggles that are similar to the safety goggles you wear when working with wood tools. These goggles give a person who wears them the visual effects of being intoxicated at .08.</p> <p>When the student finishes walking the line as described in the activities column, point out to the student he/she failed because of the following; Arms waved like an airplane, they failed to touch heel to toe all the way, they fell off the line, they didn't follow the line, etc. Allow each student to participate. Encourage parents to participate.</p> <p>Point out that the goggles allow a person to see what it is like to have the vision and imbalance of a person that is intoxicated without the mind numbing effects of alcohol.</p> <p>Point out that when they walk, they walk just like a person who is intoxicated. You can relate the experience and visual impact by asking students if they have ever seen video footage of an actual drunk walking the line, similar to what is on television.</p>	<p><u>OWI goggle use.</u></p> <p>Place a 10 foot long strip of tape on the floor. <b><u>The tape should be placed at least 10 feet from any wall, furniture, or other obstruction.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Ensure all furniture &amp; any other obstructions are away from the students walking the line. Maintain adult supervision at all times.</u></b> Closely monitor the students to catch them in case they become too unbalanced. <b><u>If students begin to engage in horseplay, discontinue the activity.</u></b></p> <p><b>Starting line:</b> Have the student place one foot on the line. Then place the other foot in front of the first foot, touching heel to toe.</p> <p>First, have a student walk a few feet of the line touching heel to toe, <b><u>without</u></b> the goggles, then return to the starting line. You may find it easier to demonstrate this maneuver for the students.</p> <p>Have the student return heel to toe on the starting line, then put the goggles over the student's eyes.</p> <p><b>Be alert, students may become so unbalanced at this point that they may need assistance in order to stand.</b></p> <p>Have the student walk the line touching heel to toe all 10 feet of the line.</p> <p>Each student will take about 60-90 seconds to complete the walk.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="256 300 961 333"><u>Muscle delay and fine motor-skill deterioration. Option 2</u></p> <p data-bbox="228 367 1133 468">Muscle-use and fine motor skills become delayed due to the effects of alcohol on the body. It slows down all muscles, including the brain (compare it to a muscle).</p> <p data-bbox="228 1709 1133 1772">Note - Zippers and/or buttons with button holes may be substituted for coins</p>	<p data-bbox="1157 359 1282 388"><i>Muscle skills</i></p> <p data-bbox="1157 457 1273 487"><i>Muscle Delay</i></p> <p data-bbox="1157 573 1544 770">Place a bucket of ice and in an ice chest or watertight container. Fill the container half way with ice (so there is at least 14" of ice and water once filled). Ensure it's 32 degrees f.</p> <p data-bbox="1157 808 1531 1005">Take a hand-full of pennies or nickels and place them in the ice water bath. A student volunteer will be asked to leave his hand and arm in the water for at least 30 seconds.</p> <p data-bbox="1157 1043 1539 1173">Once 30 seconds has passed, the student will be allowed to grab as many of the coins as possible.</p> <p data-bbox="1157 1211 1544 1509">(Test yourself first to ensure enough time is allowed so that no student will be able to pick up the coins from the bottom. The student should not be able to feel the coins to pick them up once enough time has lapsed. Generally this occurs after about 20-40 seconds.)</p> <p data-bbox="1157 1547 1544 1774">Once the student fails, have the student flex his/her hand to a fist and relax to an open palm, repeat as fast as possible to simulate the slowing effects of alcohol on muscles.</p>

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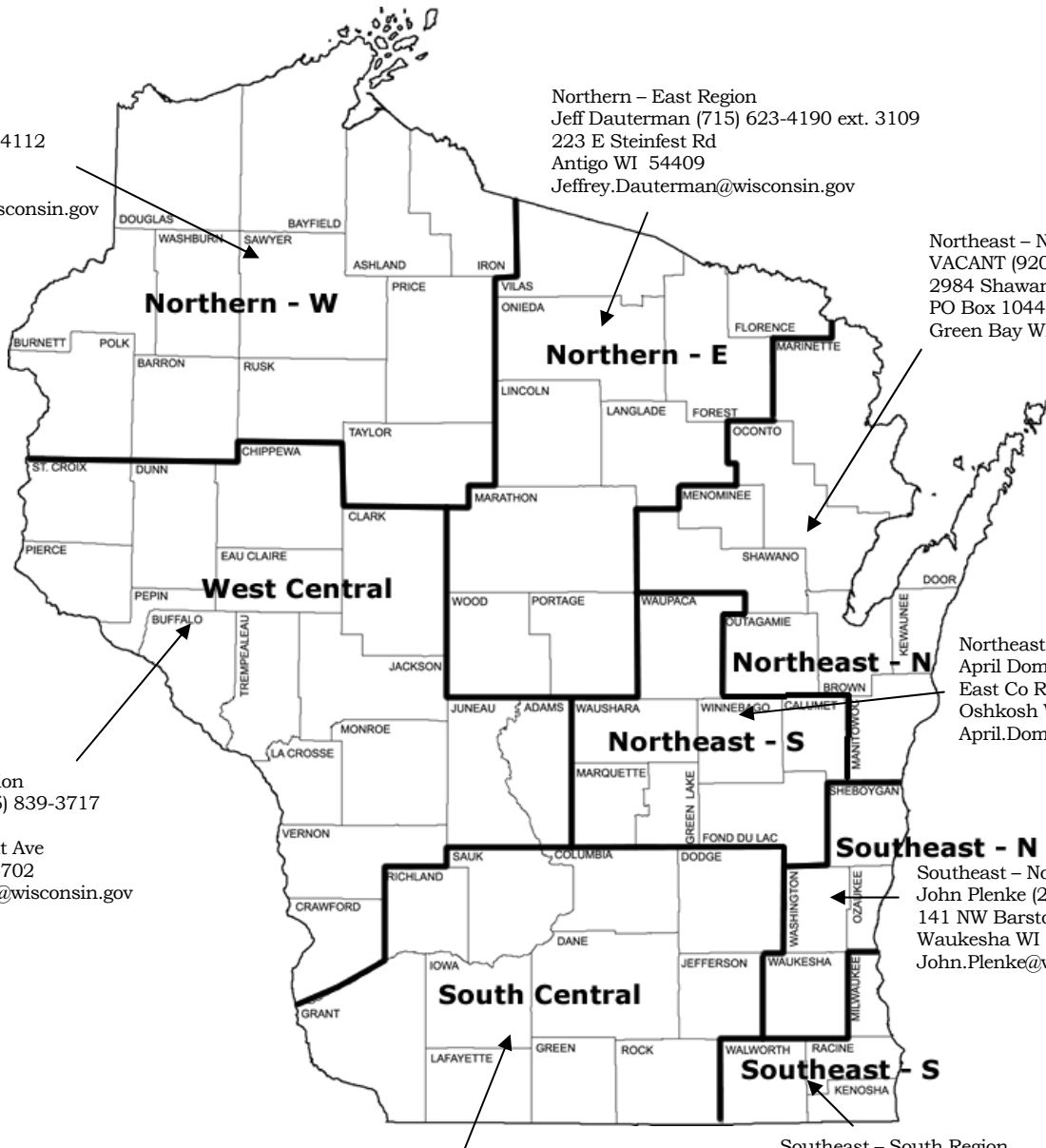
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